

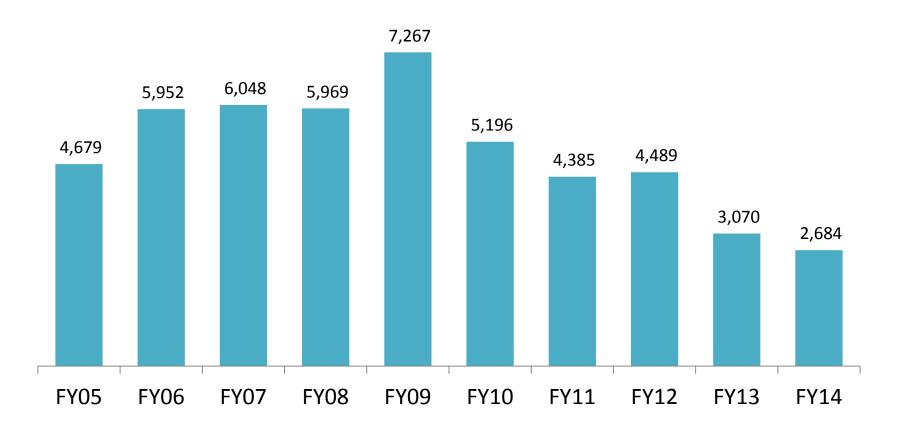
# Long Term Trends

## **Prince George's County**

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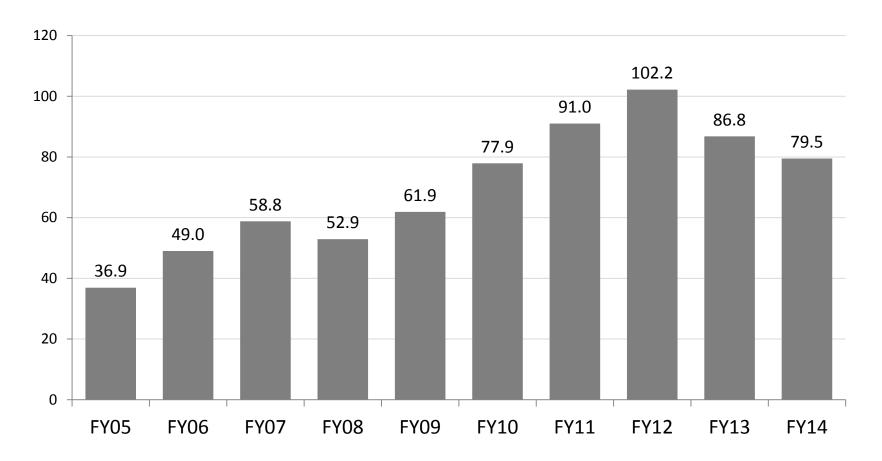
### Prince George's County Juvenile Complaints Have Declined

- Prince George's County juvenile complaints referred to DJS intake declined 63% over six years (FY2009 – FY2014).
- Statewide complaints declined 48% over the same period.
- Prince George's complaints had increased significantly between FY2005 and FY2009



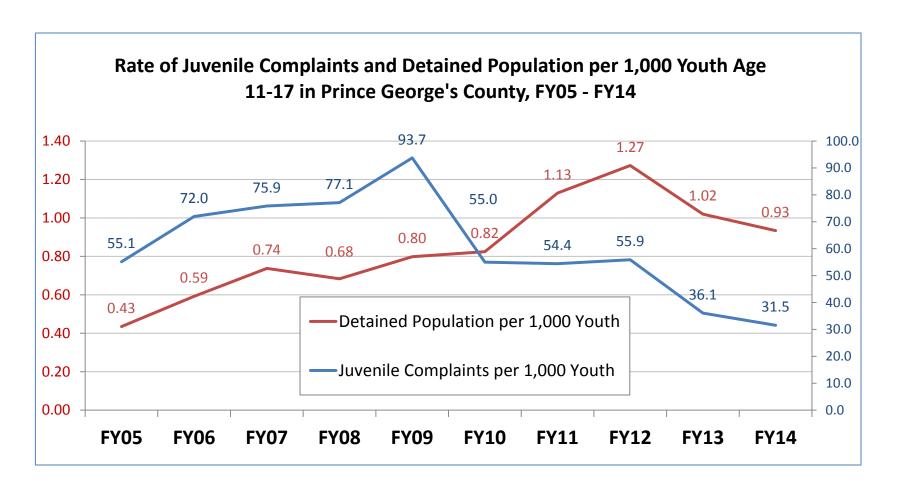
## Average Daily Prince George's County Juvenile Detention Population Has Begun to Decline after a Decade of Increases

- ADP is still up 115% since FY2005.
- Showed a 20% decline since a peak in FY2012.



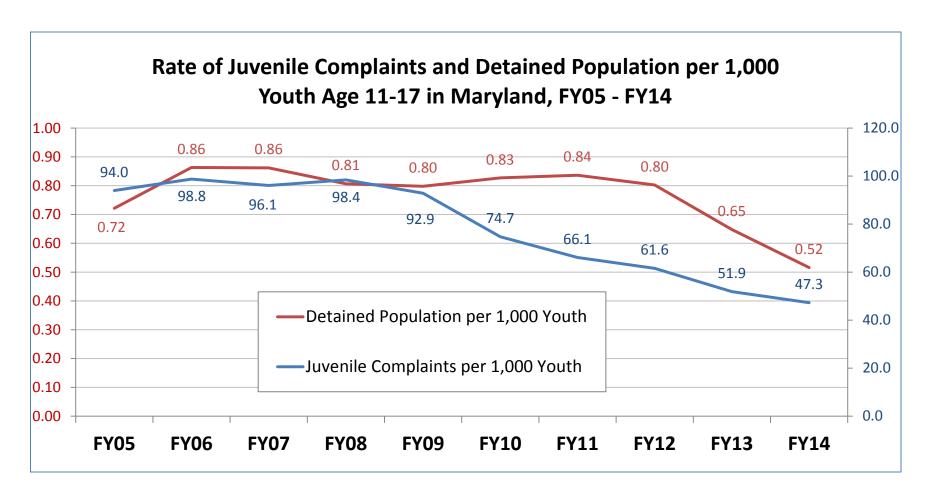
### The Rate of Prince George's County Youth in Secure Detention More than Doubled in Ten Years

- The rate of youth age 11 to 17 in detention rose 115% since FY2005.
- The rate of juvenile complaints dropped 43% over the same period.



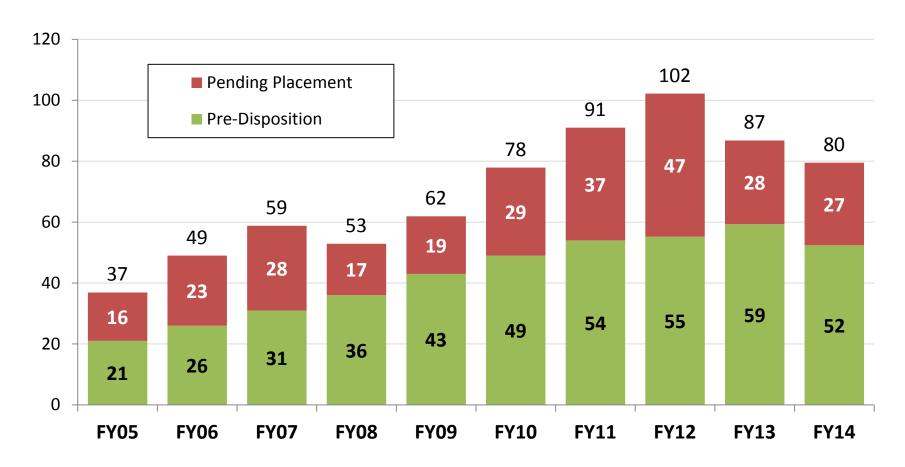
# The Rate of Maryland Juvenile Complaints, and The Rate of Youth in Secure Detention Have Both Declined

- The rate of youth age 11 to 17 in detention dropped 30% since FY2005.
- The rate of juvenile complaints declined 44% over the same period.



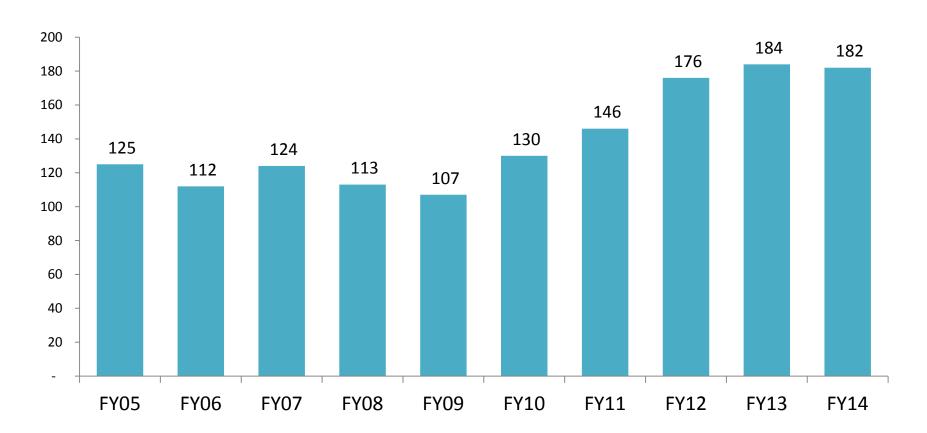
# The Recent Prince George's County Detention Population Decline is Primarily Due to a Reduction in Pending Placement Youth

- Pending placement ADP declined 43% since FY2012.
- Pre-Disposition ADP is virtually unchanged over the past four years.



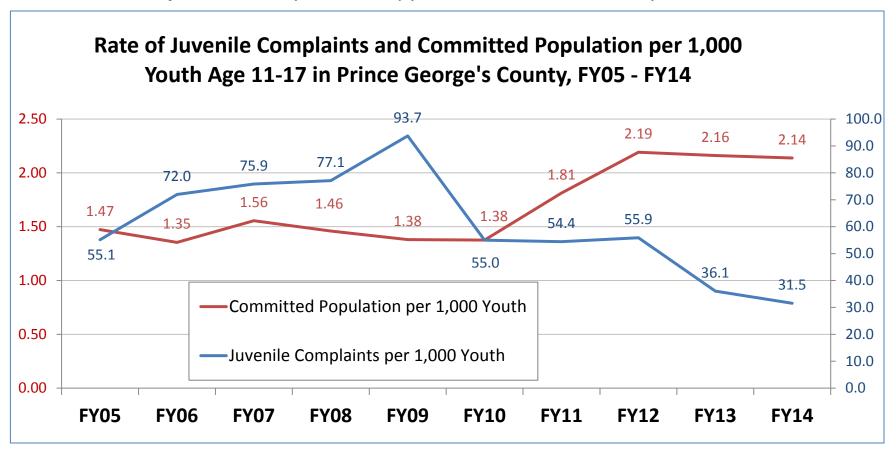
# Prince George's County Committed Youth Population Has Significantly Increased Since FY2009

- Overall daily population of County youth committed by the juvenile court to out of home placement rose 70%, from 107 in FY2009 to 182 in FY2014.
- Statewide average committed population declined 3% over the same period.



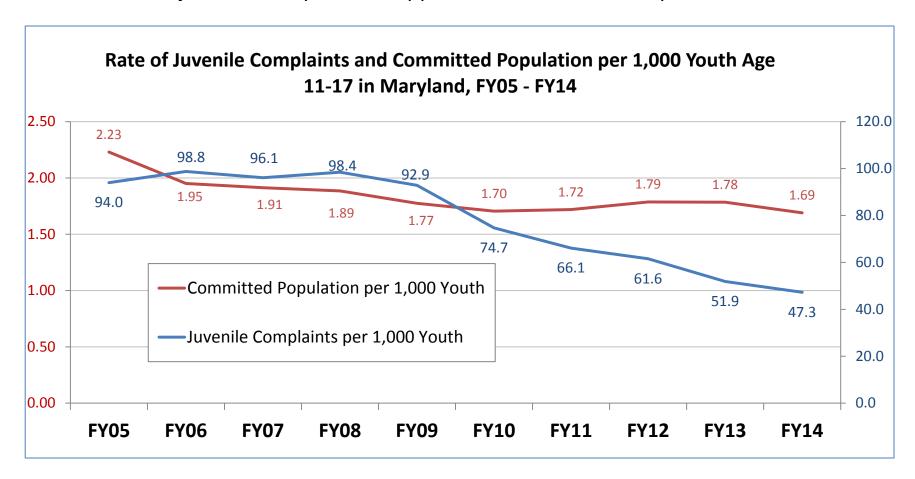
# The Rate of Prince George's County Youth In a Juvenile Committed Placement Has Significantly Increased Since FY2009

- The rate of Prince George's County youth In a juvenile committed placement Increased 55% since FY2009.
- The rate of juvenile complaints dropped 43% over the same period.



# The Rate of Maryland Youth In a Juvenile Committed Placement Has Declined Over Ten Years.

- The rate of youth In a juvenile committed placement declined 24% since FY2005.
- The rate of juvenile complaints dropped 50% over the same period.



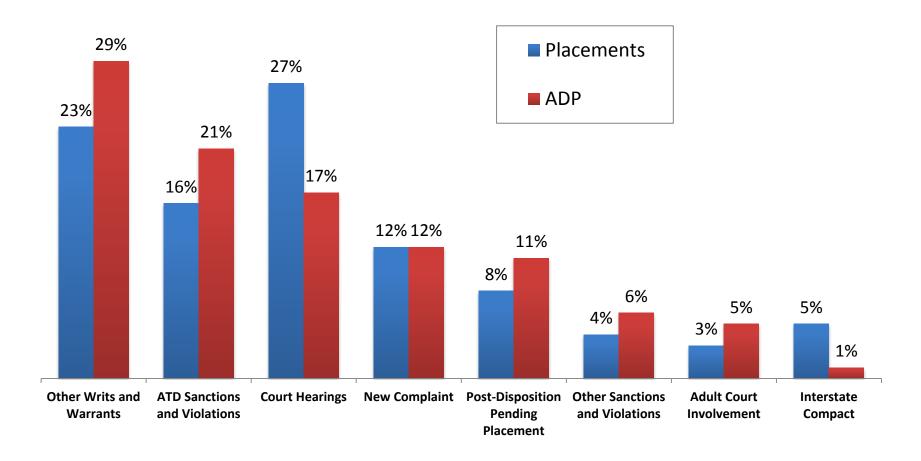
# Prince George's County Detention Utilization Study Highlights

#### **Key Findings**

- Youth detained in Prince George's County during the study period were disproportionately African American and male (91%).
- There were multiple, sometimes overlapping, pathways ("doors") for youth to enter secure detention in Prince George's County.
- Secure detention was largely utilized in response to technical violations of court orders, rather than violent felony offenses committed by juveniles.
- Most Prince George's County detention resources were utilized for youth who were awaiting disposition before the juvenile court.
- The majority of youth placed in detention (60%) were already under some form of DJS supervision at the time of placement.

## **Doors to Detention in Prince George's County**

 Detentions resulting from new juvenile complaints make up just 12% of detention placements and average population.



### **Door to Detention 1: Other Writs and Warrants**

- Placement results from a writ or warrant, and is not related to a new offense or to an ATD or supervision violation at the time of placement.
- 23% of Placements
- 29% of ADP
- Average Length of Stay: 29.9 days
- Types of Writs and Warrants:

**AWOL/Runaway: 42%** 

FTA: 39%

Failure to Comply with Court Order: 14%

**SAO Requested: 4%** 

# Door to Detention 2: ATD Sanctions and Violations

- Placement in detention following noncompliance with the supervision terms of an Alternative to Detention (ATD).
- 16% of Placements
- 21% of ADP
- Average Length of Stay: 31.7 days
- ATD Programs Violated:

**DJS Community Detention/EM: 89%** 

**Evening Reporting Center: 9%** 

**Shelter: 2%** 

## **Door to Detention 3: Court Hearings**

- Placement in detention results from a court hearing, and is not related to a new complaint, an ATD or supervision violation, a writ/warrant, or an interstate compact.
- 27% of Placements
- 17% of ADP
- Average Length of Stay: 14.5 days
- Hearing Types:

**Adjudication: 31%** 

**Disposition: 17%** 

**Drug Court: 10%** 

Review: 40%

Release: 2%

## **Door to Detention 4: New Complaint**

- Placement in detention is the result of a new complaint.
- 12% of Placements
- 12% of ADP
- Average Length of Stay: 24.4 days
- Offenses:

Crime of Violence: 82%

Non-Violent Person-to-Person Felony: 3%

Non-Violent Property Felony: 3%

Non-Violent Person-to-Person Misdemeanor: 6%

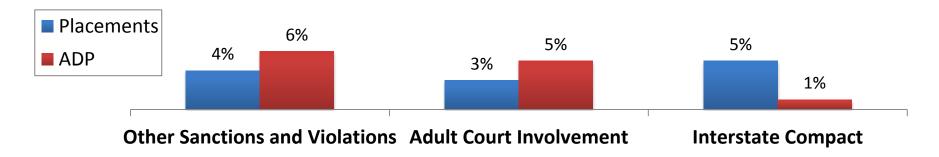
Non-Violent Drug Misdemeanor: 3%

Non-Violent Property Misdemeanor: 3%

# Door to Detention 5: Post Disposition Pending Placement

- Detention at Disposition or following ejection from committed program (not detained pre-disposition
- 8% of Placements
- 11% of ADP
- Average Length of Stay: 33.1 days

### Other Doors to Detention



#### 6. Other Violations and Sanctions

Placement in detention is the result of a violation or sanction related to supervision (probation, aftercare, VPI, and court-ordered community based programs) and not involving a new offense or an ATD violation/sanctions.

#### 7. Adult Court Involvement

Placement in a juvenile detention center occurs after the resolution or the waiver down of an adult charge, or as a courtesy hold while an adult charge is addressed.

#### 8. Interstate Compact

Detention is a courtesy placement related to pending delinquency matters in another state or in the District of Columbia.